

Remarks:

The applicant believes the issuance of the *Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment* is incorrect for the following reasons.

In the prior *Amendment* the applicant had submitted the following amended claims which are reproduced here for sake of convenient reference”

“ 14.(currently amended) A method of making an ingestible composition comprising ispaghula, colloidal silica, and an ingestible surfactant, the method comprising a the step of blending the ispaghula with the colloidal silica and the ingestible surfactant.”

and

“16.(currently amended) A method according to claim 14, of making an ingestible composition comprising ispaghula, colloidal silica, and an ingestible surfactant, the method comprising the step of blending the ispaghula with the colloidal silica and the ingestible surfactant preferably without the employment of any solvent.”

A review of claim 14 reveals that at the third line thereof, the word “the” was deleted.

A review of claim 16 reveals that at the fourth line the word “prefereably” was deleted.

Thus it is believed that the applicant’s claim status identifiers as originally filed in the prior *Amendment* were correct.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to these amended claims is respectfully requested.

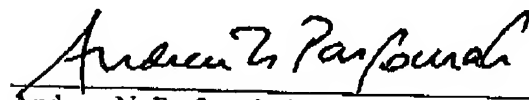
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Should the Examiner in charge of this application believe that communication with the undersigned will favorably advance the prosecution of this application, they are invited to contact the undersigned at their convenience.

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Respectfully Submitted;



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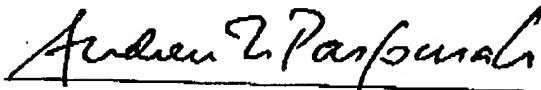
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